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THE RABORN APPOINTMENT.

President Johnson's appointment of Vice Adm. William F. Raborn, jr., U.S.N. retired, to be the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency should meet with the unanimous approval of the Senate. Early confirmation is anticipated.

C.I.A. Director John A. McCone has, for some time, expressed a desire to return to private life. A Republican, he was appointed by the late President Kennedy to succeed Allen W. Dulles as C.I.A. chief. And Admiral Raborn is being lured from private life after two years of retirement.

Admiral Raborn, 60, a native of Texas, and a 1928 graduate of the U.S. naval academy, has always displayed considerable managerial ability. During the early part of World War II he helped to establish the aviation gunnery school at Barbers Point, Hawaii, and was officer in charge of another gunnery school near Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. In both assignments he was commended for meritorious service.

As executive officer aboard the USS Hancock during the late stages of World War II he supervised fire

fighting and damage-control units in the midst of blinding smoke and large fires after an enemy bomb exploded on the flight deck. Again he won high commendation.

Actually, however, Admiral Raborn is probably best known as the "father of the Polaris." After the war he turned his attention to guided missile research. His knowledge and leadership in this field resulted in his appointment as leader of the team which created the fleet ballistic missile system, including the Polaris and its submerged launching device.

This accomplishment won for him the job as deputy chief of naval operations for research, a post he held until retirement in 1963 when he became vice president of Aerojet General corporation of Pasadena, Calif.

Admiral Raborn can be expected to do a thorough, workmanlike job as C.I.A. director. He has exceptional administrative ability, commands the greatest of respect from all with whom he comes into contact, and possesses that desirable and valuable quality of "being able to get things done."